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Hon. Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Sparta Zone, Reservoir B, Port Barre Field,

St. Landry Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of HS Resources, Inc to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Sparta Zone, Reservoir B, Port Barre Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Sparta Zone, Reservoir B, in the Port Barre Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Sparta Zone, Reservoir B as shown on the plat attached hereto;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of public hearing, should the producing characteristics of such reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
- 5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

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The Sparta Zone, Reservoir B in the Port Barre Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 11,215' and 12,670' (electric log measurements) in the Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. - St. Landry School Board No. 1 Well, located in Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 6 East, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on May 9, 2001. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by James C. Bates, attorney for the applicant, and turned over to James F. Hardwick, consulting geologist for the applicant, who discussed the bases for the applicant's proposal. After the conclusion of Mr. Hardwick's presentation, Mr. Doffie Ross on behalf of Collins Lanclos, et ux, presented a counterplan which differed from the applicant's proposal in moving the western boundary to the west, through the Stanolind - Wilson Heirs No. 1 Well and the northern boundary to the south, resulting in a unit of approximately 310 acres. After further discussion, questions and answers, the conference was adjourned. Accordingly, unless the parties are able to resolve their differences, it is believed there will be opposition at the hearing. In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Port Barre Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Port Barre Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the the SP RB SUA in the Port Barre Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

Very truly yours,

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JCB:mw Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson

District Manager

Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties

